



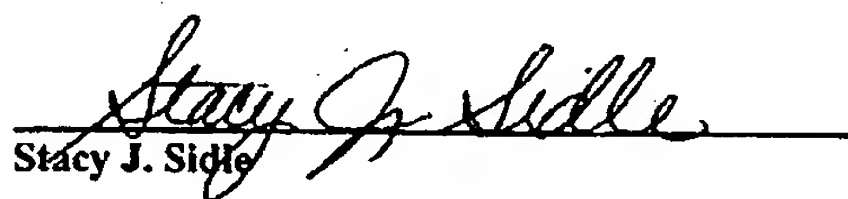
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Dane Kenton Parker, et al. )  
For: PREPARATION AND USE OF A )  
NANOCOMPOSITE OF ELASTOMER AND )  
EXFOLIATED CLAY PLATELETS FORMED )  
IN SITU WITHIN AN ELASTOMER HOST )  
AND ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE, )  
INCLUDING TIRES, HAVING AT LEAST )  
ONE COMPONENT COMPRISED THEREOF )  
Serial No.: 10/037,539 )  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated May 21, 2004, no paper number  
given, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and  
distinctly claim the Applicants' invention.